

DEMOCRATIC CELEBRATION AND FEAST A GREAT SUCCESS

The Democratic love feast or celebration of the recent victory was pulled off according to schedule and everybody was satisfied.

Mr. Powers put on the evening's picture show free of charge to all those who desired to attend, the expenses being paid by the fund raised for the evening's entertainment.

Immediately after the show the curtain was raised and the line of march formed to the table laden with good things to eat. As the persons passed along the table they were given a cup and plate. These were filled with everything good to eat and would make one think there was no such thing as hard times.

There were about 300 or 350 guests to partake of the feast, not all democrats, mind you, but some of them are prospective democrats, the rest being filled with the true democratic spirit.

The visitors were welcomed by J. M. Stark, committeeman from First district. He then appointed J. B. Scarbrough of McAllister, as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Scarbrough thanked those in charge of affairs for the honor bestowed upon him. He said there were two ways of making democrats, one by raising them and the other by education. He eulogized President Wilson as the greatest man of his time, being today what Lincoln and Washington were when they were called upon to lead this country through great crises. He congratulated the retiring county officers upon the splendid work and satisfaction they had given the county, going further he said he felt sure the new officers would keep up that standard for the next two years.

It was decided to let the precinct chairmen represent their districts, so Mr. Scarbrough called the roll.

Precinct 1 was represented by J. M. Stark, who said he had made his talk and submitted the floor to those from outside of Tucumcari.

Patriotic Sanchez answered in behalf of No. 2.

Col. A. S. Reeves from No. 3, spoke in his usual convincing manner. He said he believed in democracy in all things, and when Woodrow Wilson is through the democrats will bring out another great man to pilot the ship of state safely on its journey.

Geo. Clark spoke in behalf of No. 4. Precinct chairman from No. 5 not being present W. G. Conner was called upon to speak in his behalf. He proved himself equal to the occasion and made a short but interesting talk.

Nos. 6, 7, and 8 had no representation among the speakers.

C. W. Waite from No. 9, the old wheel horse as well as a scrapper for democracy, spoke for this precinct. He said he was proud to be a democrat because democracy stands for humanity, and the common people, and fair to capital, as championed by our president, Woodrow Wilson.

J. M. Carnahan, precinct chairman from No. 10, made one of his typical Texas Democrat speeches which was enjoyed by all.

Editor Fowler answered for 12 and said he was a democrat from education and expected to remain so as long as Democracy was championed by such capable exponents as President Wilson.

J. A. Atkins for 12, M. F. Carter for 13, A. E. Billingley for 14, Mr. West from 15; D. G. Awalt for 17.

Editor Norris for 20, said his precinct always delivered the goods for the Democratic party. He said there was a move on foot to establish a new county which would take in that part of Quay in which House is located. He said the citizens of House and vicinity were not in favor of the move and would like to remain in Quay.

Mr. Thurston for No. 26, answered in behalf of that precinct.

This being all the precincts represented, Mr. Scarbrough then introduced Hon. H. A. Kiker, the new district attorney, who was here from Raton to attend a real Democratic love feast. He thanked the voters for the liberal support during the recent election and predicted that every man in Quay county would be a democrat before the next presidential election, and he said the democrats expect to make a democratic county out of Colfax. He stands for law enforcement and asked the assistance of every law-abiding citizen of the county to assist him in carrying out his purposes.

About 12 o'clock the meeting was adjourned to meet again two years from this same night.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one who so kindly gave of their sympathy and help during our sad bereavement. J. E. Whitmore and Family

If you don't see it in the News perhaps you forgot to tell us about it.

MERCHANTS AND CLERKS TO OBSERVE SHORTER HOURS

The agreement among our progressive business men to hereafter close their respective places of business at 8:30 p. m. on Saturdays is one to be commended. The only criticism that could be offered is that they did not make it earlier. Twelve to fourteen hours indoors and on your feet the most of the time, is a long day.

Our school teachers get paid for about 30 hours work each week, while the business men and their clerks are expected to put in 70 to 80 hours. The business men don't do it because they like it but because stores have always observed long hours and the people unconsciously demand it. Large city stores open at 8 a. m. and close at 5 p. m., but the small town store is expected to open earlier and close later. Merchants are just as human and no more "money mad" than any other class of people, and they observe long hours for your convenience more so than for the additional business they may get. The public in general will endorse this 8:30 Saturday closing by doing their trading earlier in the day. The clerks will appreciate it and the proprietors will make just as much money.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS ARE IN CHARGE OF THE AFFAIRS

The new county officers took charge of affairs this week and the old administration has passed into history. The former officials were as good as any county ever had and if the new comes up to the standard set by the old there will be no room for argument.

The new officers are some of the best material to be found anywhere and their friends say they will make good in every particular. The first act was that of choosing deputies. This they did in an excellent manner.

T. N. Lawson as clerk chose J. A. Conway as his first deputy and Mrs. Tipton as assistant. They are both capable and should be of valuable assistance to Mr. Lawson, and everybody knows Mr. Lawson understands his job.

Mr. Fager in the treasurer's office is a first class man and wisely kept his fingers crossed as Mr. Fager is a first class man.

Mr. Fager in the treasurer's office finds the work somewhat different from anything he has ever experienced before, but he has proven himself a successful business man and will make good. He has acted wisely in securing the efficient services of Mr. R. James, former employee of the freight and office force at the depot. Book-keeping and figures are his forte, and he will be exceedingly valuable to Mr. Fager.

J. A. Atkins is taking hold of his duties as superintendent of schools like a veteran.

Judge Williams is right at home with a big law book, wedding rings, and probate work.

Alex Street, one of the best qualified as well as the most experienced officers in this county, is now in full charge of the sheriff's office. There is no doubt about him being able to handle his part of the program.

The new commissioners, Messrs Bell Nation and Dodson, have proven themselves successful handling their own business affairs and are undoubtedly qualified to care for the county affairs.

The News wishes the new officers success in every particular and will always be found ready to assist in any possible manner.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS

A banquet was spread for the members of the Masonic Lodge of this city at the opera house last Thursday evening, by the Order of Eastern Star. The feast commenced at 6:00 p. m., and was followed by the installation of the new officers. Following were the new officers:

Eugene Gordon, W. M.
O. E. Brown, S. W.
Dr. A. D. Catterton, J. W.
L. L. Ernst, Treasurer
Al. F. Codington, Secretary
R. P. Donohoo, S. D.
Arthur W. Goldenberg, J. D.
W. A. Savage, S. S.
Max J. Goldenberg, J. S.
Lee G. Pearson, Tyler
H. Bonem D. D. G. M.

STORE WILL CLOSE

Effective at once, the undersigned merchants will close their respective places of business on Saturdays at 8:30 p. m., except when "Pay Day" falls on either Friday or Saturday, on which evenings longer hours may be observed.

H. Bonem,
Edwards Grocery Co.
Allen & Dealy
T. A. Muirhead & Co.
Joseph Israel
J. F. Jackson
American Furniture Co.
Necessity Store
M. B. Goldenberg Co.
H. Goodman Co.
J. M. Putman
Tucumcari Meat Co.
J. E. Whitmore.

NARA VISA AND MONTOYA KEPT THE JUDGE BUSY LAST FEW DAYS

Twenty-three complaints were filed from Nara Visa last week. Fourteen of these complaints were against S. A. Snively, Stephen R. Collender, F. Tafuya, Tony Tafuya, Geo. Snively and Newt. Whitehead. They were charged with cutting fences and trespassing. Some were found not guilty and others were dismissed because of lack of evidence, but Steven A. Snively was found guilty and bound over to await the action of the grand jury under a bond of \$200.

The balance of the charges were preferred against T. A. Goodrich, G. W. Payne and Louis Payne. These were charged with trespassing and assault with intent to kill. All of these were dismissed with the exception of the charge against Goodrich, which was assault with intent to kill. After hearing the evidence Judge Hunter held Goodrich to await the action of the grand jury under a bond of \$1000.

J. L. Laceyfield of Montoya, was charged with cursing and threatening to kill, and exhibiting a deadly weapon at the Thurman saloon. The case was heard before Judge Hunter Tuesday afternoon. Laceyfield pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 in one instance and \$100 in another, which together with the costs amounted to nearly \$200 for his "night out."

Dr. C. Owens was found guilty of maintaining a nuisance in the way of keeping livestock, dogs and coyotes in the business section of town. He was fined \$10 and cost, but the fine was remitted providing he move his outfit to the outer edge of town or otherwise dispose of same, within the next ten days.

Judge Hunter heard a number of minor cases such as boot legging and vagrancy, also one of selling liquor on Sunday. He finished a number of cases that were on tap when he assumed the duties of Justice and police judge.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE REPORTS CONDITIONS

We, your committee for the union Christmas celebration, beg to report as follows:

First, we wish to extend our hearty thanks to each one who had any part, however humble, in making the initial effort the success it was. A new idea entailing change of plans from the established program and participated in by many organizations with committees meeting and reporting back, it meant delay, with the final result that in the rush of preparations, some of the things were neglected that would have made the work more efficient. For instance, it was intended to place the Christmas trees on the street for the week following Christmas, but the sand storm prevented. Again, some intended giving cash at the entertainment and left without doing so because no offering was taken. Upon the other hand the sum of \$136.55 was given in cash which passed through the treasurer's hands (see list below) besides one ton of coal, sundries articles of wearing apparel, treats, a few toys, and groceries to the value of \$16.55.

Mr. Powers donated the use of the opera house, Mr. Sickle, the electric current to light it. Mr. Gallaher the coal to heat it besides a ton to be divided among four needy families; Mr. Chappell painted the banners and the city press gave liberally of space. We hope for a continuance of this co-operative community spirit and trust that the future will witness great growth in this practical service. While the end is not yet, Christmas cheer had been brought to 38 homes, 26 of which were in urgent need, and "Good will toward men" exemplified.

The following contributions have reached the treasurer:

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| Dec. 18, O. E. S. | \$10.00 |
| Dec. 18, B. of L. E. No. 748 | 12.50 |
| Dec. 19, Individual Masons | 33.75 |
| Dec. 19, Catholic Ladies | 5.00 |
| Altar Guild | 5.00 |
| Dec. 22, R. N. A. | 8.80 |
| Dec. 22, R. N. A. | 1.00 |
| Dec. 22, Mrs. Hines | 1.00 |
| Dec. 22, Several individuals | 4.75 |
| Dec. 22, Woman's Club | 5.00 |
| Dec. 22, Individual | 2.75 |
| Dec. 22, M. E. Koch | 1.00 |
| Dec. 22, Yeoman | 5.00 |
| Dec. 23, Federation of Clubs | 10.00 |
| Dec. 23, Mrs. Bess | .50 |
| Jan. 3, 1917, G. I. A. | 5.00 |
| Jan. 3, Cash | .25 |
| Jan. 3, Bay View Club | 3.25 |
| Jan. 3, B. P. O. E. | 25.00 |
| Total | \$136.55 |
| Disbursements to date (Jan 3) | 85.45 |
| Balance | \$51.10 |

Available for unpaid bills and cases of need. List of disbursements on file subject to inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. REASONER,

Treasurer.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT McALLISTER CAUSED BY SCHOOL TROUBLE

A shooting affray occurred at McAllister Saturday, Dec. 23. The participants came to Tucumcari the next day and the case was heard before Judge Hunter, who held Mr. Howard over to the grand jury under a \$1000 bond.

The beginning of the trouble was about a year ago during the Democratic primary campaign, when stories were being circulated concerning one of the candidates for school superintendent who chanced to live in that neighborhood.

This matter grew worse and the charges were put into writing and the case taken before the State Superintendent of Schools, and the accused was declared not guilty of any wrongdoing.

It is said Mr. Howard made out an affidavit in regard to a daughter of Uncle Charley Burke, which stated that a teacher had hugged and kissed her. This statement was denied by the teacher as well as the girl.

On Saturday both Mr. Howard and Mr. Burke were in McAllister on business. Mr. Burke had been to the local blacksmith shop for a wagon rod and was carrying same when he met Mr. Howard. When they met Mr. Burke asked Howard if he made the affidavit. It is said that Howard made no reply for a few seconds, then he said he did. As he made the remark he stepped back and drew a revolver. Burke then struck him on the arm, bruising and cutting it quite badly, using the wagon rod with much force. Howard shot three times at Burke, two of the shots taking effect, one in the arm and the other in the right side of the body, but neither of them being very serious.

Howard went into the store and friends came to Burke's assistance. His clothing was immediately removed and the wounds examined. When it was found that he was not dangerously shot he was taken home and his wounds dressed.

Quiet was restored in the little village and a warrant sworn out by Mr. Burke charging Howard with carrying a gun and with an attempt to use it to kill him. The case will come up next April in the district court.

LOYD ITEMS

The weather has been very windy the last few weeks.

Well, as we haven't had any news from this section in The News, for several weeks, we will try again.

Lloyd valley hopes everybody had a merry Xmas and a happy new year. Terry Abercrombie got married the 24th of December, to Miss Rera Scarbrough and we wish them a long and happy life. Leap year comes but once every four years.

J. Clyde Allen had a dance Tuesday after the marriage and everybody enjoyed it. Mr. and Mrs. Abercrombie were present.

C. J. Ford has a Ford car, bought it second-hand but she will run as good as any of 'em.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carter are the proud parents of a fine little girl, arriving just in time for Christmas.

Paul S. Pierce has returned from Missouri where he has been visiting his parents.

Mrs. Whittington and children have returned from Texas where they have been for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Lumpsee and Mrs. Lumpsee's brother, were visitors at Loyd school last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ratcliff was a caller at Mr. Carter's last Sunday.

Sunday school will be started about the third Sunday of January. We hope everybody will come and keep it going.

Mrs. E. Abercrombie was a caller at Mrs. H. F. Poston's on New Year's Day.

Tom Pierce certainly does enjoy dancing and like the G—'s pretty well, ha! ha! ho! ho! We hope he will enjoy himself while he is in New Mex. Now, I'll shut my mouth and hope he will find a girl—'s Mut.

SUGGESTS NEW DEPARTMENT

In suggesting the addition to the state highway department of an estimate man who would be at the service of the public when cost of bridges, concrete or steel, are wanted, an Oklahoma good road builder writes the Ozark Trails headquarters in Oklahoma City as follows:

"In spending public money there are so many men who like to get their hands in the public pocket so well we very often fail to get a dollar's worth of road or bridge for a dollar's worth of money, and the need of such a department is great."

FINE RAIN SATURDAY NIGHT

Tucumcari and Quay county were visited by a nice rain Saturday night. In the eastern part of the county it was much larger than in Tucumcari and farther west. It reached the big wheat belt and will do much good toward bringing the wheat up.

DR. CURTIS, OF MURDOCK, HAD RIGHT EYE PUT OUT

C. A. Curtis was in from Murdock last week to consult physicians in regard to his eyes. Recently he had the misfortune to be struck in the right eye while cutting a stick of wood. A splinter from the stick struck him in the eye ball cutting it open and destroying the sight. The other eye in full sympathy with the other is giving Mr. Curtis much trouble and this eye is the one he desires to save.

It is hoped that not only the good eye will be saved but that the injured eye may be restored, partially at least. At present it looks like an impossibility to do anything worth while for the injured eye.

MR. CONWELL'S MOTHER DIES

James Conwell of the Elk Drug Store, received the sad intelligence Sunday night that his mother had died very suddenly at her home in Kansas. Mr. Conwell left at once to be present at the funeral.

No other particulars are known in this city. Mr. Conwell has the sympathy of his many friends here.

GOOD ROADS AND HOW TO SECURE NECESSARY BONDS

Delegates were here from nearly every district in the county last Thursday night to attend a road meeting. It was decided to call the new organization the Quay County Good Roads Committee and will consist of one member from each voting precinct, chairman, vice chairman, and secretary, the last three to be elected by members of the committee and are to serve with out compensation.

The object or purpose of this organization is to develop a spirit of co-operation between all parts of the county. For the purpose of securing for each part of the county, its just proportion of any money that may be available for road purposes.

To determine what roads should be designated as first class, second class, third class, and the amount of money to be apportioned to each class of road in each precinct.

This committee will determine the amount of bonds to be issued or voted upon to give the county a good system of roads.

It is understood that this committee has no official power (except such power as a well organized and united body of the people can bring to bear on the proper officials) and it is the purpose of this committee to work in harmony with, and advisory to the county commissioners and the State Highway Commission, for the purpose of securing an equitable distribution of the roads and the money to be derived from the bond issue.

This committee will see that certain roads are made permanent before any amount of work is done. It will assist the people in securing the petitions necessary to make the roads permanent then when work in done it will be permanent and continued as a public thoroughfare.

This is the only proper way to go after a proposition of this kind and the farmers should get busy with their petitions and see that the roads are opened legally so work can be commenced as soon as the money from the bonds sale is available.

The amount of the bonds necessary to build the roads will be ascertained in the near future when Mr. Stark, an experienced civil engineer, will go over the proposed routes and make estimates. Then the election will be called and the citizens of Quay county will give their consent to sell the bonds. There is no doubt about the bond issue carrying if it is put up to the people as now proposed. Every well-to-do farmer is in favor of good roads, and every poor farmer is in favor of good roads because good roads will bring up values of land quicker and more substantial than any other process. The increased taxation will be only a trivial matter, something like \$1.00 on each \$1000 valuation.

MATCHES TO COST MORE

Unless the thrifty housewife has laid in a winter's supply of matches the household budget will have to be materially increased in 1917. At least as materially as the number of matches she uses amounts to. For the increase in the cost of one brand of the match family, already has gone into effect.

Of course they blame it on the war. Tucumcari grocers say this kind of a match, which is manufactured in Ohio requires certain chemicals heretofore imported from Germany. These chemicals are used in the formation of the tip.

W. A. Dodson received a telegram Monday night that his son, Ernest, who had returned home after spending the holidays with his parents out south of town, was down with pneumonia. Mrs. Dodson left for Jericho, Texas, where Ernest was staying on a ranch, and expects to remain until his condition is changed. He had a bad cold when he left here Sunday morning and it is thought he was taking the pneumonia before he left. The telegram was from his employer and did not give any of the particulars.

EVERYBODY IS EAGER TO SECURE AN ADDITIONAL TRACT OF LAND

The 640-acre bill which passed the senate and house last year, was signed by the president last Saturday and the word spread like wild fire all over this county. The town hotels and rooming houses were filled to overflowing and many men stood up all night to be in line when the local land office opened on Tuesday morning.

All day long the clerks and receiver and register were busy waiting on the eager customers who had been waiting for this opportunity to increase their present holdings. The new filing papers had not arrived but the old ones were changed to suit the occasion.

There is very little land left in Quay county on which a person can file. Some relinquishments are for sale but even these are few and far between the prices climbing higher and higher each day. From now on the new comers will be compelled to buy land if they desire to locate in Quay county. This will be the real beginning of the better prices for farming and grazing land. Very few tracts now for sale at less than \$5.00 an acre. One year from now the \$10.00 land will be just as scarce, providing the Almighty sees fit to give us plenty of moisture to raise successful crops. It does not take much but it should come at a time when it will do the most good. From all appearances the cold, windy weather of the last few weeks indicates an early spring and the regular rainy season would arrive much earlier than last year, giving the farm crops more time to mature.

The farming class now in charge belong to the substantial class. They are here to stay. They have stood the hardships of former years. They understand the country and know how to make their lands pay dividends. They have passed through the experimental stage and this year promises to be the best Quay county has ever experienced.

MRS. J. E. WHITMORE DEAD

Mrs. J. E. Whitmore, who has been a sufferer from cancer for several long years, died Sunday night at 10:45.

The passing of Mrs. Whitmore takes one of Tucumcari's best women and her host of friends are sad, but is seemingly for the best as she had suffered with cancer and there was no hope for a cure.

The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church by Revs. Maddox and Reese, after which the body was laid to rest in Sunnyside cemetery.

Will print obituary next week.

W. G. Conner, one of the Democratic war horses of the Quay neighborhood, came in yesterday to help the Democrats celebrate their recent victory. There was no one present at the banquet last night who enjoyed the affair more than Mr. Conner. He was once an editor, and the banquet alone would satisfy most any editor, but he took part in the speechmaking and he did his part well.

JORDAN ITEMS

Let everybody boost for good roads and do all we can to see that we get them, and see that our money is being spent in the right way.

W. H. Surratt made a trip to town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Greer, Sr., visited their daughter, Mrs. H. Williams at House this week.

S. F. Green, S. A. Wells, J. B. Scarbrough, K. E. Drake, P. A. Steffan, and E. E. Hall were in Tucumcari last week taking in the good roads meeting.

Dr. Hurley and son of Curry, passed through Jordan Friday night on their way to Tucumcari.

Mr. Hardin and family, W. H. Surratt and son, and W. H. Morris took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall.

The watch party at S. A. Wells' was well attended and everybody had a fine time.

Mrs. Wattenbarger is on the sick list.

Little Verna Winningham had the misfortune to get very badly burned last week, but she is getting along very nicely.

S. A. Wells and wife spent New Years day with Jim Wells at Plain.

Robt. Childs of Tucumcari spent last Friday night with E. E. Hall. Mr. Childs was on his way to Fort Sumner to see his mother, who was sick at that place.

Mrs. J. W. Kelsay is on the sick list.

W. C. Montgomery made a trip to Tucumcari this week in his new Ford.

We were visited last Saturday night by a nice rain, which will start the wheat to growing, and everybody was glad to see it come.

C. N. Deaton is visiting Dr. Lancaster at Plain.

J. O. Jordan, P. A. Steffan, J. A. Langford, John Hardin, W. G. Winningham, S. A. Wells, Val Wells, Jim Gray, and Ernest Hall, were in Tucumcari this week attending the big Democratic celebration.